

Applic. No. 10/727,205
Amdt. dated September 29, 2006
Reply to Office action of July 11, 2006

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-31 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-16 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 21-31 have been added. Support for claim 21 can be found on page 16, lines 2-8 of the specification. Support for claim 22 can be found on page 12, lines 23-26, page 15, lines 19-24, and page 16, lines 15-20 of the specification. Support for claim 23 can be found on page 5, lines 6-8, as well as page 17, lines 4-7 of the specification. Support for claim 24 can be found on page 11, lines 2-5 of the specification. Support for claim 25 can be found on page 16, line 20 to page 17, line 2 of the specification. Support for claim 26 can be found on page 12, lines 4-8 of the specification and in Fig. 1. Support for claims 27-29 can be found on page 21, lines 9-13 of the specification and in Fig. 6. Support for claims 30 and 31 can be found on page 11, lines 14-24 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 17-20 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by

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Freyermuth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,480 B1) (hereinafter
"Freyermuth") under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The rejection has been noted and the claims have been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth below. Support for the changes is found on page 12, lines 23-26, page 15, lines 4-6, page 16, lines 2-8, page 16, lines 15-20, and page 17, lines 4-7 of the specification.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 17 calls for, *inter alia*:

a computer configured for controlling the tool-clamping device during operation from the determined actual position to the desired position.

The Freyermuth reference discloses a device for assembly of tools in tool carriers by thermal expansion. Freyermuth discloses a retractable ensleeving assembly (13) mounted movably on a column (3).

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The reference does not show a computer configured for controlling the tool-clamping device during operation from the determined actual position to the desired position, as recited in claim 17 of the instant application. The Freyermuth reference discloses a retractable ensleeving element.

Freyermuth does not disclose a tool-clamping device that is controlled by a computer. This is contrary to the invention of the instant application as claimed, in which a computer is configured for controlling the tool-clamping device during operation from the determined actual position to the desired position.

Since claim 17 is believed to be allowable, dependent claims 18-31 are believed to be allowable as well.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 17. Claim 17 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 17, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-31 are solicited.

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In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

The fee for 11 dependent claims in the amount of \$275 is enclosed herewith.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP, No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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